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Shunji IMAI, et al.	:	Confirmation Number: 6015
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Application No.: 09/986,975	:	Group Art Unit: 1746
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Filed: November 13, 2001	:	Examiner: Joseph L. Perrin
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For: WASHING APPARATUS AND METHOD OF WASHING LAUNDRY	:	

AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 18, 2004, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on February 18, 2005, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendment and remarks.

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.
☐ Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27
☐ Also attached:

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	36	44	0	\$50.00 =	\$0.00
Independent Claims	2	3	0	\$200.00 =	\$0.00
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